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FOLLOWING ARE THE ARRIVAL REMARKS MADE BY AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG
IN STOCKHOLM NOVEMBER 16.

"WELL, LET ME JUST BEGIN BY SAYING THAT IT'S VERY GOOD TO BE IN
SWEDEN AGAIN AFTER MANY YEARS AND TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET
WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND TO DISCUSS A VARIETY OF THINGS THAT
ARE OF GREAT CONCERN TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES. I THINK ESPECIALLY
THE QUESTIONS OF DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROBLEMS THAT WE FACE TOGETHER
IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL PROBABLY BE AT THE HEAD OF THE AGENDA BUT
WE LOOK TO SWEDEN IN MANY WAYS TO KIND OF HELP SET THE PACE AND
IN SOME SENSE TO BE SOMETHING OF A CONSCIENCE FOR THE REST OF
THE WORLD AND WE'RE GRATEFUL THAT IN THE UNITED NATIONS CIRCLES
THE SWEDISH REPRESENTATION USUALLY LIVES UP TO THAT.

"I THINK THERE IS A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW, FRIDAY, BUT IT
THERE ARE ONE OR TWO QUESTIONS THAT YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF THE
WAY NOW, I'LL BE GLAD TO, AND IF NOT I'LL BE GLAD TO SAY GOOD-BYE
AND SEE YOU LATER ON."

QUESTION: "MR. YOUNG, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU, DURING THIS YEAR
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IN THE UNITED NATIONS, OBSERVING FROM YOUR ANGLE, WHAT WOULD
YOU REGARD AS THE MOST IMPORTANT FEATURE OF THE WORLD TODAY?"

ANSWER: "MOST IMPORTANT FEATURE OF ..."

Q (CONTINUED: "YES, OBSERVING THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, IF YOU
MAKE ADJUSTMENTS (GARBLED VOICES)."

A: "I GUESS I THINK THAT AFTER MANY YEARS OF PROBLEMS BEING
STEERED AWAY FROM THE UNITED NATIONS THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD ARE

MORE AND MORE BRINGING PROBLEMS TO THE UNITED NATIONS. I THINK THIS YEAR WE SAW THE SOUTHERN AFRICA PROBLEM COME TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND LARGELY THROUGH THE INITIATIVE OF THE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL I THINK THAT THE CONTINUED DIALOGUE AND PUSH ON THE MIDDLE EAST REALLY MADE ITS GREATEST STRIDES DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHEN ALL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE REGION WERE THERE IN NEW YORK. I THINK THIS YEAR WE SET A RECORD OF MORE THAN A HUNDRED FOREIGN MINISTERS ATTENDING THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THERE WERE TWENTY-TWO HEADS OF STATE OR HEADS OF GOVERNMENTS. THAT MEANS WE ARE ABLE TO GET MUCH MORE DONE AND I GUESS I GIVE PRESIDENT CARTER A LOT OF THE CREDIT FOR THAT, BECAUSE FOR MANY YEARS BECAUSE OF OUR INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM AND OUR UNWILLINGNESS SOMETIMES TO FACE UP TO PROBLEMS LIKE THE PANAMA CANAL AND THE MIDDLE EAST WE TENDED TO RUN FROM THE UNITED NATIONS AND IT BECAME A FORUM OF CONFRONTATION WHERE THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD TENDED TO TAKE THEIR FRUSTRATIONS OUT ON THE US PARTICULARLY FOR NOT TAKING THE UNITED NATIONS SERIOUSLY. I THINK PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE HAVE BOTH VERY MUCH COMMITTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND THAT OUR NEW ADMINISTRATION HAS HELPED TO BRING SOME OF THE LIFE BACK INTO THE UNITED NATIONS FORUM."

Q: "MR. AMBASSADOR, WHEN WERE YOU IN SWEDEN BEFORE?"

A: "1964 SHORTLY AFTER MARTIN LUTHER KING RECEIVED THE NOBEL PRIZE IN OSLO."

Q: "MR. AMBASSADOR, WHEN DO YOU THINK THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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PREPARED TO STOP FURTHER AMERICAN INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA?"

A: "I DON'T KNOW AND I DON'T KNOW THAT, I'M NOT SURE WHY. MY CONCERN IN SOUTH AFRICA IS TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE AND I THINK THAT THAT'S GOING TO REQUIRE A VERY DELICATE TACTICAL APPROACH. MY EXPERIENCE WHICH EVERYBODY SAYS IS IRRELEVANT, IN OUR CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE WHENEVER THERE WAS TOTAL BOYCOTT PEOPLE ALWAYS TENDED TO DIG IN AND BECOME MORE AND MORE INDEPENDENT AND SELF SUFFICIENT. WHEN THERE WAS A CAREFUL TACTICAL BOYCOTT THEY ALMOST ALWAYS WORKED AND ACHIEVED THEIR OBJECTIVES. I THINK RIGHT NOW WE'RE LOOKING AT THIS SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION AND TRYING TO SEE WHAT'S GOING TO BE PRODUCED BY THIS PRESENT SANCTION VOTE AND THERE'S NO SLACKENING IN OUR COMMITMENT TO WORK TOWARD AN END OF APARTHEID BUT I THINK THAT WE'RE HAVING TO LOOK VERY CLOSELY TO DECIDE JUST HOW THAT'S DONE. I SHOULD HASTEN TO SAY THAT WITHOUT ANY GOVERNMENT ACTION THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HERSELF BY HER POLICIES HAS BROUGHT ABOUT A CESSATION OF NEW INVESTMENT AND IT'S JUST NOT GOOD BUSINESS AND THE RECENT THREATS BY VORSTER TO FORCE FIRMS TO COMMIT, I MEAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN STRATEGIC MATERIALS ON THE THREAT OF EXPROPRIATION IS CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO ENCOURAGE ANY NEW INVESTMENT, SO I DON'T KNOW AT THIS POINT YOU KNOW, WHEN OR WHAT WE ARE PREPARED TO DO, BUT WE ARE

PREPARED TO STICK WITH THE SITUATION UNTIL WE BRING ABOUT SOME
CHANGE."

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Q: "MR. AMBASSADOR, MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO DRAW YOUR
PROFILE DURING THE MONTHS YOU HAVE BEEN WITH THE ADMINISTRATION.
HOW WOULD YOU YOURSELF DESCRIBE YOUR POSITION WITHIN THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION?"

A: "I DON'T KNOW THAT I DO AND I REALLY DON'T THINK ABOUT SUCH
THINGS. MY JOB IS TO SEE HOW MUCH WE CAN MOVE POLICIES THROUGH
THE UNITED NATIONS AND ALSO WHAT WE CAN DO TO KEEP THE POLICIES
OF OUR ADMINISTRATION ALIVE AND VIBRANT AND I DO THAT IN A
VARIETY OF WAYS MYSELF. I DON'T KNOW, I MEAN WHATEVER IT
TAKES TO DO THAT, I'M WILLING TO DO. BUT I GUESS I DON'T
HAVE ANY UNDERSTANDING OF A ROLE, MY ROLE CHANGES, DEPENDING
ON WHAT THE SITUATION IS."

Q: "MR. AMBASSADOR, HOW MUCH ALIVE IS THE ANGLO-AMERICAN
PLAN FOR RHODESIA?"

A: "I THINK THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN FOR RHODESIA IS VERY MUCH
ALIVE AND I THINK WE HAVE TO REALIZE THAT NOBODY EVER SUSPECTED
THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE EASY AND THE FIELD MARSHAL CARVER AND
GENERAL CHAN (?) WERE JUST GOING TO RHODESIA AND PICK UP THE
KEYS TO THE GOVERNMENT FROM IAN SMITH. THERE IS A LOT THAT
HAS TO BE DONE IN ANY KIND OF TRANSITION AND I THINK A DIPLOMATIC
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TRANSITION IS AS COMPLICATED IN SOME WAYS, THOUGH FAR LESS
DESTRUCTIVE, AS A TRANSITION THAT WAS BROUGHT ABOUT THROUGH ARMED
STRUGGLE. I WOULD SAY AT THIS POINT THAT THE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE
IS AT LEAST AS EFFECTIVE AND MUCH MORE ALIVE THAN THE ARMED
STRUGGLE. THANKS VERY MUCH."
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